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(03.0106) USDEL REPORT

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1. DRS. ZUELZER AND CALVER DISCUSSED WITH SCICOUNS OCTOBER 26
PROGRESS OF THE MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIETS ON "BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN
SURGERY" UNDER THE BILATERAL HEALTH AGREEMENT. THEY REPORTED THAT
THEIR DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN DURING PREVIOUS VISI
TS
AND THAT SOME COLLABORATIVE
PROJECTS ARE TAKING SHAPE, ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO BE FIVE YEA
RS
BEHIND THE U.S. IN BLOOD RESEARCH.

2. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR TESTING IN NEW YORK OF 5,000 SAMPLES OF
BLOOD TAKEN FROM INDIVIDUALS IN SELECTED PARTS OF THE USSR. RESULTS
WILL PERMIT THE FIRST ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF HEPATITIS MORBIDITY IN THE
USSR. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY JOINT TESTING IN THE US AND USSR
OF ANTI-HEPATITIS VACCINE DEVELOPED IN THE U.S., ALTHOUGH HERE DRS.
CALVER AND ZEULZER CAUTIONED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL REQUIRE
EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN TEXT METHOLOGY TO MAKE THE RESULTS USEFUL TO
THE U.S.

3. DRS. CALVER AND ZULVER NOTED THAT SOVIET RESEARCH IN ONE AREA, TH
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OF USING HEMOGLOBIN AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR WHOLE BLOOD, HAS POSSIBILITIES
FOR APPLICATION IN THE U.S. THIS NOTWITHSTANDING, IT APPEARS THE
SOVIETS ARE BENEFITTING SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN THE U.S. UNDER THIS
TOPIC IN THE HEART AGREEMENT.
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